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LEADING THE NEWS

Clean Power Plan Battle Awaits EPA's New Air Chief Wehrum

By Abby Smith

Just days into his new job as the EPA's top air pollution official, Bill Wehrum is about to dive into his office's most contentious fight: rolling back the first-ever carbon dioxide standards for power plants.

Enbridge, Michigan Reach Pipeline Deal to Improve Safety

By Alex Ebert

Enbridge must shut down a pipeline crossing Lake Michigan when severe storms bring high waves and must improve its safety operations as part of a far-reaching deal between the Canadian energy company and Michigan.

Top Weedkiller to Stay on European Market for Five More Years

By Jonathan Stearns (Bloomberg) and Stephen Gardner (Bloomberg Environment)

The European Union agreed to keep glyphosate, one of the world's most widely used herbicides, on the market for another five years, ending a political deadlock that resulted from concerns the chemical poses a cancer risk.

Market-Based Changes Proposed for Energy Appliance Program

By Rebecca Kern

Proposed market-based changes to the Energy Department's 30-year-old energy efficiency standards program for appliances were welcomed by manufacturers, including General Electric Co., but some advocacy organizations raised concerns that prices could rise for consumers.

TODAY'S NEWS

Activists See Silver Lining In Europe's Roundup Approval

By Tiffany Stecker

The European Union's vote to extend the authorization of the common herbicide glyphosate for five more years is a bitter pill for environmental organizations, who fought a transatlantic battle to curb use of the world's most popular herbicide.

Questions Hover Over Coal Cleanup Nominee's Writings

By Stephen Lee

The Trump administration's pick to lead federal mine cleanup once wrote that a law that requires companies to recreate the original contour of a blasted-out mountaintop mine isn't scientifically or technically justified.

Drivers, Not Refiners, May Bear Brunt of U.S. Biofuel Quotas

By Laura Blewitt

Sen. Ted Cruz may want to spotlight a new victim in the King Corn versus Big Oil tussle: U.S. motorists. The Texas Republican took up arms for fuel makers after President Donald Trump upheld the Renewable Fuel Standard, the 12-year-old rule that forces refiners to either mix biofuels in with their gasoline and diesel or buy credits.

Endangered Butterfly, Mexican Shrub May Be Hurdles to Trump Wall

By Peter Blumberg

Environmentalists suing to block President Donald Trump from constructing a wall along the Mexican border say the project would imperil endangered species including the Quino checkerspot butterfly and the Mexican flannel bush.

TransCanada Asks Nebraska to Reconsider Keystone XL Ruling

By Kevin Orland

TransCanada Corp. asked Nebraska regulators to reconsider their Keystone XL approval, allowing it to file an amended application for the project in light of the panel's last-minute decision to alter the pipeline route in the state.

Electric Cars' Success Leaves Toyota Isolated With Hydrogen Bet

By Kevin Buckland and Nao Sano

Toyota Motor Corp., which has made a big bet on hydrogen-powered cars, is looking more isolated as industry rivals double down on plug-in electric vehicles as the dominant technology in the emerging post-fossil fuel era.

Shell Joins Automakers to Offer Charging Stations Across Europe

By Rakteem Katakey

Royal Dutch Shell Plc is linking up with some of the world's biggest carmakers to expand its electric-vehicle charging business in Europe as it prepares for life beyond oil.

Fiat Chrysler Rejects French Diesel Test-Manipulation Claims

By Tommaso Ebhardt and Angeline Benoit

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV denied a report that the carmaker could be fined for manipulating French diesel-emissions tests, saying the allegations have no basis and that its vehicles comply with the law.

Unlikely Australian Alliance Reaches Clean Energy Bulk Buy

By Murray Griffin

Australia's national postal service, a zoo, a bank, Melbourne's city council, and a university are among 14 unlikely allies that have entered into a landmark arrangement to jointly buy clean energy.

Taiwan to Tackle Energy Strategy, Chemical Regulations in 2018

By Yu-Tzu Chiu

Taiwan in 2018 will begin to phase out nuclear energy and finalize a strategy to transition to a greater reliance on renewable energy.

Brazil Fines Amazon Landowners, Mills \$7.4M for Illegal Cutting

By Michael Kepp

Brazil issued fines totaling 24 million reais (\$7.4 million) to three Amazon landowners for illegally slashing thousands of acres of their property and to 17 sawmills for illegally processing the trees, among other environmental violations, the Environment Ministry said.

Chernobyl Goes Solar as First Panels in Nuclear Zone Near Finish

By Anna Hirtenstein

The first solar project in the Chernobyl zone is expected to be commissioned next month, a step forward in the developers' plan to invest 100 million euros (\$119 million) and build renewables in the radioactive exclusion zone.

PRACTITIONER INSIGHTS

Practitioner Insights: Defining Green Finance for Climate Change

By Daniel Rossetto

Green finance is an important and emerging segment of financial markets that holds the promise of delivering environmental benefits that could help tackle climate change. The segment is substantial, with industry groups estimating that green bonds mobilized as much as \$150 billion to \$200 billion in the last year.

FRIDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Brazil Sues to Cut Down on Illegal Amazon Deforestation

By Michael Kepp

Brazilian federal prosecutors sued 725 farmers, ranchers, and others suspected of illegally cutting down trees in the Amazon region and are seeking 1.5 billion reais (\$464 million) in damages in what they called an unprecedented crackdown on illegal deforestation.

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